

Remarks.

The rejection of Claims 1, 2,3, 4 , 9, 11, 12, 13,14,15, and 17,18,19,20 is respectfully traversed.

None of the references disclose an expanded ink supply for an ink jet printer, of the type having an ink cartridge inside the printer, in which the expanded ink supply is located exteriorly of the printer, and is connected to resupply the cartridge as its own ink supply is reduced, and having the features listed in the claims.

The claims specify ;

a container for the ink supply outside the body of the printer,

10 tubing for transferring the ink to the cartridge inside the printer ,

the tubing extending through the fill port of the cartridge, so that ink from the container supplements the ink in the cartridge.

However without prejudice Applicant has amended the claims along the lines suggested by the Examiner.

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the helpful suggestions, and it is hoped that by adopting them the amended claims are now allowable.

In making these amendments it appeared that many of the dependent claims could be retained simply by changing their dependencies. The dependent claims have there been amended simply to change their dependencies. It is to be hoped that
20 they are free of objection.

In addition the rejection of claims 17,18,19,,20 does not appear to be supported by the references.

These claims claim a plurality of ink bags, and tubing for each ink bag supplying ink

from that bag to a cartridge within the printer body. The claims are narrowly worded in respect of the cartridges. Each cartridge must have an end cap, and a depressible plunger, and the other features listed. It is believed that none of the references show these features.

However claim 17 has been amended by adding limitations to each ink bag, which it is believed provide still further basis for defining over the references.

Reconsideration and allowance is earnestly solicited in view of the foregoing. In the event that the Examiner feels that a discussion of the case would be helpful it is respectfully requested that he call the undersigned at the telephone number noted below.

Yours respectfully,

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